

Reporting Cases of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases to the Health Department

The Health Department plays a vital role in controlling the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases in the community. Timely reporting to the Health Department of suspected and confirmed cases is critically important for our control measures and is legally required of every health care provider. The confidentiality of patient information is protected by law.

DISEASE	REPORTING PROCEDURE
Diphtheria	Report immediately to Acute Communicable Disease Control (ACDC) by phone (213) 240-7941. After-hours, report to (213) 974-1234 for release of anti-toxin.
Haemophilus influenzae, invasive disease (report cases <15 years of age) Hepatitis A Measles (Rubeola) Pertussis (Whooping cough) Poliomyelitis, paralytic Rubella (German measles) Rubella syndrome, congenital Varicella (Chickenpox) (only hospitalizations and deaths)	Report by mail, phone, or fax within 1 working day of identification of the case or suspected case. The Immunization Program requests an immediate phone call for measles and rubella cases and suspects, and varicella hospitalizations and deaths to (213) 351-7800. After-hours, please call (213) 974-1234.
Hepatitis B (specify acute or chronic case) Influenza deaths (report cases <18 years of age) Mumps Pneumococcal, invasive disease* Tetanus	Report by mail, phone, or fax within 7 calendar days of identification of the case or suspected case. After-hours, please call (213) 974-1234.
Outbreaks of any disease	Report immediately to the Communicable Disease Reporting System by phone (888) 397-3993 Report varicella outbreaks (routinely 5 or more cases, but 2 or more cases in sensitive settings) to the Immunization Program at (213) 351-7800. After-hours, please call (213) 974-1234

*Required in Los Angeles County. Use the IPD report form available at http://lapublichealth.org/acd/EpiForms/New_3_29_05/InvasPneumoForm.pdf.

Where and how do I report these diseases?

The Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR) form is available from any local health center registrar, from the Morbidity Central Reporting Unit (MCRU), or from the Department of Public Health web site at www.lapublichealth.org/acd/reports/acdcmr.pdf. Cases can be reported to the Communicable Disease Reporting System (CDRS) by telephone or fax. Cases among residents of Long Beach or Pasadena should be reported to those city health departments.

Los Angeles County report to:

Communicable Disease Reporting System

Hotline: (888) 397-3993
Fax: (888) 397-3778

Morbidity Central Reporting Unit

Phone: (213) 240-7821
Mail: 313 N. Figueroa, Rm. 117
LA, CA 90010

For cases among residents of Long Beach and Pasadena:

Long Beach City Health Dept. Epidemiology

Phone: (562) 570-4302
Fax: (562) 570-4374
After hrs: (562) 435-6711

Pasadena City Health Dept. Public Health Nursing

Phone: (626) 744-6000
Fax: (626) 744-6115

For additional information about vaccine-preventable disease reporting:

Immunization Program Epidemiology Unit

Phone: (213) 351-7800
Fax: (213) 351-2782